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1. The "Ustavnoi Otdel" (tactical manuals' section) of the "Upravlenie Boyevoi Podgotovki" (combat training administration) of the Soviet Army General Staff was in charge of preparing tactical manuals for the Army. Each arm and service of the Army, except the Infantry, had a similar "upravlenie." The "Ustavnoi Otdel" of the General Staff writes the tactical manuals for the Infantry.
2. An "ustav" is a tactical manual. Because by its nature the manual must deal with tactics, it is prepared only for the five combat arms - infantry, artillery, cavalry, tanks, and air. The manuals for the other arms and services are called "nastavlenii," i.e. manuals which explain how the appropriate service must act to support the combat arms. The combat arms also have manuals called "nastavlenii," which deal with the use of weapons, i.e. they are technical manuals on the use, firing, assembly, and disassembly of weapons. Minor subjects are covered by "instruktsii." A booklet explaining the details of a water filter would fall into this category. The "Ustavnoi Otdel" of the General Staff writes the "polevoi ustav" (field manual), which covers the use of various arms and services acting together and deals with division, corps, and army. The "Otdel," as mentioned above, also writes the "ustavi" for the Infantry. These manuals deal with units of regimental level and lower.

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3. Before a manual is written for the Infantry, an "apisaniye" (description) of the weapon in question is sent by the manufacturing plant to the "Ustavnoi Otdel." The "Otdel" writes a "proyekt" (draft) and coordinates it with faculty members of such military institutions as the Frunze Military Academy and the VYSTREL training center. The final step before publication is approval by the "ustavnoi komitet" (committee on manuals).

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